

PRESS RELEASE

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RE: UNITED STATES v. DAVID A. WILLIAMS

United States Attorney Kathleen M. Mehlretter announced today the conviction of David A. Williams, age 40, of Buffalo, New York, of nine counts of an indictment by a jury following a three week trial before Hon. Richard J. Arcara, United States District Judge. Among the charges for which Williams was convicted was a violation of the Continuing Criminal Enterprise statute which alleged that Williams was the head of an enterprise responsible for obtaining hundreds of pounds of cocaine from Florida and selling the cocaine in Buffalo from 1995 through Williams' arrest in January, 1999.

The Continuing Criminal Enterprise charge carries a sentence of life imprisonment. Williams was also convicted of using firearms in furtherance of his drug trafficking activities which carries a mandatory consecutive term of imprisonment of at least five years.

Williams will be sentenced before Judge Arcara on March 20, 2002.

The conviction was the culmination of an OCDETF investigation on the part of the Drug Enforcement Administration, under the direction Assistant Special Agent in Charge Donald Augustine and the Federal Bureau of Investigation, under the direction of Special Agent in Charge Peter Ahearn.

